

ACT
Of the Convention of
ESTATES
Of the Kingdom of SCOTLAND,

Holden at *Edinburgh*, in *August*, 1665.

*By a noble Lord, John Earl of Rothes, Lord Lesly
and Bambreith, &c.*

His MAJESTIES Commissioner :

For a free and voluntar offer of a TAXATION
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The Estates of the Kingdom of Scotland, conveened at this time by ~~His~~ ^{His} Majesties Special Authority and Command, Taking to their consideration the great blessings this ~~his~~ ^{His} Majesties antient Kingdom doth now enjoy under His Royal Government, being thereby delivered from all the miseries and bondage that do accompany the Iron Rod of an insolent Usurpation, and possessed of all the liberties and priviledges of a free People, living under the Royal Scepter of their lawfull Prince, and that, by a full and free exercise of their Religion, with all suitable encouragements thereunto, by an equal and due administration of Justice, and peaceable and secure enjoyment of their Laws, Rights and Properties: Do find themselves obliged in conscience, honour and gratitude, to embrace every occasion, whereby they may witness

to the world their just resentments thereof, and their readiness to contribute their lives and fortunes for the maintaining and advancing of His Majesties Royal Authority, Power and Greatness; under the protection whereof, the Peace, Freedom and Interest of this Kingdom and Subjects thereof, is, and can only be, secured. And understanding, that His Sacred Majesty is now engaged in a War with the Inhabitants of the United Provinces, for the maintenance of His own Honour, and the Peace and Trade of His Kingdoms, and that thereby a new opportunity is offered to them to make good their professions of their zeal and affection to His Majesties service. Therefore, the Estates of the Kingdom, in a due sense of His Majesties Honour and Interest, and of their own duty, Do, with humble, loyal and cheerfull hearts, for themselves, and in name of the whole Kingdom, whom they do represent, make humble and free tender to His Majesty of a Taxation, which they do humbly beseech His Majesty would be graciously pleased to accept of, and which is to be paid in manner, and at the terms following;

That is to say, The Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, Lords, and Commissioners of Shires, for the Temporal Estate, Have granted, that there shall be uplifted of every Pound-land of old extent within this Kingdom, pertaining to Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, Lords, Barrons and Free-holders, and Fewers of His Majesties proper Lands, the sum of forty shillings money, at every one of the five terms following, *viz.* The sum of forty shillings at the term of *Whitsunday*, in the year of God, one thousand six hundred sixty six years; The sum of other forty shillings at the term of *Whitsunday*, one thousand six hundred sixty seven years; The sum of other forty shillings at the term of *Whitsunday*, one thousand six hundred sixty eight years; The sum of other forty shillings at the term of *Whitsunday*, one thousand six hundred sixty nine years; And the sum of other forty shillings at the term of *Whitsunday*, one thousand six hundred seventy years, being the last term. And the Archbishops and Bishops, for the Spiritual Estate, Have granted, that there shall be uplifted of all Archbishopricks, Bishopricks, Abbacies, Priories, and other inferiour Benefices within this Kingdom, at every one of the five terms above-specified, the just Taxation thereof proportionally, according to the sum of forty shillings money, now imposed

imposed upon the Pound-land, as they have been accustomed to be taxed unto in all time by-gone, when the Temporal Lands of this Kingdom were stinted only to thirty shillings the Pound-land of old extent, with the addition of a fourth part more: And the same Taxation to be paid at every one of the five terms above-specified. And the Commissioners of Burghs, for their Estate, Have granted, that there shall be uplifted of all the Burghs of this Kingdom, at every one of the five termes above-specified, the just Taxation thereof proportionally, according to the sum of fourty shillings money now imposed upon the Pound-land, as they have been accustomed to be taxed unto in all time by-gone, when the Temporal Lands of this Kingdom were stinted only to thirty shillings the Pound-land of old extent, with the addition of a fourth part more, to be paid at the respective terms above-written. And in regard, that His *Majesty* hath erected sundry Prelacies, and Temporal Lordships, whereby the owners thereof may claim to be taxed with the Barrons of the Temporal Estate, and thereby His *Majesty* would be defrauded of a great part of the said Taxation: Therefore the saids Estates Ordain, that all erections of Prelacies and other small Benefices, in whole or in part, in Temporal Lordships, shall, in payment of the said Taxation, pay to the Collector thereof, so much of the same Taxation (*pro rata*) as if they were no wayes erected, and as they were subject to do before the erection of the same. And sikklike, it is Statute and Ordained, that all dissolved Benefices within this Kingdom, in whole or in part, shall be subject in payment of so much of the same Taxation (*pro rata*) as they would have been subject to pay though the same had not been dissolved: And that those parties, who have gotten any part or portion of any Prelacies, or other inferiour Benefices, dissolved, and new Securities made unto them by His *Majesty*, of that part and portion thereof so dissolved, shall be subject in payment of the Taxation thereof to the Prelat or other beneficed Person, for his relief of the same Taxation, as they would have been so the same had not been dissolved; notwithstanding of any condition contained in the Infeftments and Securities made by His *Majesty* to them in the contrary thereof.

And further, His *Majesty*, with advice and consent of the said Estates, Declares, that the Lands and Teinds, belonging in property to the ordinary Lords of the Session, the Advocats, Clerks, Writers to the Signet, and other Members of the Colledge of Justice, and all few duties payable to them out of the Lands whereof they are Superiours; all Benefices given, disponed and mortified, for entertainment of Universities, Colledges, Schools or Hospitals (the Vassals holding of the saids ordinary Lords of the Session, and other Members of the Colledge of Justice, and of the said Universities, Colledges, Schools and Hospitals, being alwayes lyable in payment of this Taxation, for their Lands so holden, as others of His *Majesties* Subjects) all modified Stipends, and Vicarages where they are a part of the said modified Stipend; all Parsonages and Vicarages belonging to Ministers serving the Cure, where the said Parsonages and Vica-

rages do not exceed the value appointed by the Acts of Parliament for a modified Stipend, are, and shall be free from payment of any part of this present Taxation; And discharges and disannuls all Priviledges and Immunities, whereby any person may conceive himself free of the payment of any part of this present Taxation, except as above excepted. And Ordains the saids Senators of the Colledge of Justice, and other Members thereof, and the persons, in whose favours any Lands, Teinds or Superiorities have been given, disposed and mortified, for entertainment of Universities, Colledges, Schools or Hospitals, to send in to the Collector-general of the Taxation, or Clerk thereof, a note under their hands, threescore dayes before the first terms payment of this Taxation, of the Lands, Teinds, and Few-duties belonging to them, as said is, within what Shire they lie; and if they be Kirk-lands, what Benefice they hold of. And also Ordains, the Archbishops and Bishops, to send in to the said Collector or Clerk, betwixt and the time foresaid, a note under their hands, of the Parsonages and Vicarages belonging to Ministers serving the Cure within their respective Diocesses, which do not exceed the proportion allowed by the Acts of Parliament for a modified Stipend.

And for the more speedy and effectual in-bringing of the Spiritual Mens part of this said Taxation, Ordains Letters to be directed as formerly, charging all and sundry Archbishops and Bishops, Abbots, Priors; as likeways all Noblemen and others, in whose favours the erection of any Prelacy or other inferiour Benefice, or any part or portion thereof, be it in Lands, Kirks or Teinds, or in whose favours the Patronage of any Benefice, Kirks or Teinds, are past; And all other beneficed persons contained in the taxed Rolls, their heretable Bailies, Chamberlains, Factors and Intrometters with their Rents and Livings, personally or at their dwelling places, and by open Proclamation at the Mercat Crosses of the head Burghs of the Sherifffdoms, Stewartries and Baileries, where the said Prelacies, erected Lordships, and small Benefices lies, if they be within this Kingdom: And if they be without the Kingdom, by open Proclamation, at the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, Peir and Shore of *Leith*, upon threescore dayes warning, to make payment of that sum, that they, and ilk one of them, are taxed unto, for every one of the saids five terms, to the Collector-general of the said Taxation, appointed, or to be appointed by His Majesty, or His Deputies and Officers in His Name, having His Power and Commission to receive the same, at the particular terms above-written, under the pain of Rebellion, and putting of them to the Horn, and if they failzie therein at the by-passing of every one of the said terms, to denounce the disobeyers Rebels, and put then to the Horn, and to Escheat, &c. And that the Prelats and beneficed Persons, and such Noblemen and others, in whose favours the Erections and Patronages above-written are past, for their relief have Letters as formerly, charging their Vassals, Subvassals, Ladies of Terce, Coniunct-fiars, Life-renters, Proper-wodsetters, who are not accountable for the *superplus* of the Rents, Fewers, Tacksmen and Pensioners, to make payment of their part of the said

said Taxation, ilk one of them, (*pro rata*) according to the sum they shall be taxed unto, to the saids Prelats and other beneficed Persons, and to the said Noblemen and others having power to receive the same, within twenty dayes next after the Charge, under the pain of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie, &c. to denounce, &c. and escheat, &c. and to poynd and destrenzie therefore, as they should think most expedient: Providing alwayes, That the first termes payment of the said Taxation be ever past, before the next termes payment be charged for. And the Estates Declares, That the production of sufficient Hornings against the said Vassals, Fewers, Tacksmen and Pensioners, shall be a relief to the saids Prelats, Lords of Erections and beneficed Persons; and shall exoner them (*protanto*) from payment of the said Taxation: Providing, That the same Hornings, with their tax Rolls authentickly made and subscribed by the said Prelats, Lords of Erections and other beneficed Persons, and by their Fewers, Vassals, Tacksmen and Pensioners, in manner hereafter prescribed, containing the particular sum which each one of them are taxed unto; be delivered to the Collector of the same Taxation, within the space of threescore dayes after every terme: otherwayes, he shall be no wayes obliged to receive the same, neither shall the Prelat, Lord of Erection nor beneficed Person, be exonered by production of the same at any time thereafter.

And further, that the said Prelats, and such Noblemen and others, in whose favours the Erections and Patronages above-written are past, and all other beneficed persons, may have their relief of their Vassals, Sub-vassals, Ladies of Tenes, ~~Congregat~~ *Life-renters*, Fewers, Wodsetters foresaid, Tacksmen and Pensioners, to the greater ease and less trouble to the said Vassals and others foresaid: And to the effect, that every one proportionally may pay his part of the said Taxation, according to the quantity and avail of the free Rent which he hath of his Benefice, Lands, Pensions, Kirks, and Teind-sheaves pertaining to him, as well Prelat, Lord of Erection, Patron and other beneficed Persons themselves, as the Fewer, Tacksmen and Pensioner; It is thought Expedient, Statute and Ordained, That the said Prelats and others above-rehearsed, every one of them severally, shall convene his whole Fewers, Vassals, Tacksmen and Pensioners, at the particular places hereafter designed: They are to say, The Archbishop of *St. Andrews* at the City of *St. Andrews*, the Archbishop of *Glasgow* at the City of *Glasgow*, the Bishop of *Edinburgh* at the City of *Edinburgh*, the Bishop of *Orkney* at the Town of *Kirkwall*, the Bishop of *Caithness* at the Town of *Durnock*, the Bishop of *Ross* at the Town of *Chanry of Ross*, the Bishop of *Murray* at the Town of *Elgin*, the Bishop of *Aberdeen* at the Burgh of *Aberdeen*, the Bishop of *Brichen* at the Burgh of *Brichen*, the Bishop of *Dunkell* at the Town of *Dunkell*, the Bishop of *Dumblain* at the Town of *Dumblain*, the Bishop of *Galloway* at the Town of *Wigtoun*, the Bishop of *Argyl* at the Town of *Innerary*, the Bishop of the *Isles* at the Burgh of *Rothesay* in *Bute*, the Abbot of *Icolmkill* at the Burgh of *Rothesay*, the Prior of *Ardchatton* at the Burgh of *Rothesay*, the Abbot of *Fairn* at the Burgh of *Tayn*,

the Lord *Beuley* at the Burgh of *Innernefs*, the Lord of *Kinlofs* at the Burgh of *Forres*, the Prior of *Pluscarden* at the Burgh of *Elgin*, the Lord of *Dier* at the Town of *Peterhead*, the Prior of *Fivvy* at the Town of *Turrif*, the Prior of *Monymusk* at the Town of *Monymusk*, the heretable Bailly of the Lordship of *Arbroth* at the Burgh of *Arbroth*, the Lord of *Scoon* at the Burgh of *Perth*, the Lord *Cowper* at the Town of *Cowper* in *Angus*, the Prior of *Restenneth* at the Burgh of *Forfar*, the Collector of this present Taxation in place of the Priors of *Charterhouse*, the Seat now vacand, at the Burgh of *Perth*, and the like in other cases where any Seats are vacand, at the places appointed by this present Act; the Prior of *Elcho* at the Burgh of *Perth*, the Prior of *Straphilland* at the Kirk of *Comry*, the Lord of *Inchaffray* at the Burgh of *Perth*, the Prior of *Inchmachomo* at the Burgh of *Stirling*, the Bailly of the Regality of *Dumfermling* at the Burgh of *Dumfermling*, the Lord of *Balmerinoch* at the Burgh of *Cowper* in *Fife*, the Lord *Lyndoris* at the Burgh of *Cowper* in *Fife*, the Masters of *St. Leonards* Colledge in *St. Andrews* for the Priory of *Portmock* at the Burgh of *Cowper* in *Fife*, the Prior of *Pettenweym* at the Burgh of *Pettenweym*, the Lord of *St. Colmb* at the Burgh of *Innerkeithing*, the Lord of *Culross* at the Burgh of *Culross*, the Abbot of *Cambuskenneth* at the Burgh of *Stirling*, the Lord *Torphichan* at the Burgh of *Linlithgow*, the Prior of *Manwell* at the Burgh of *Linlithgow*, the Lord *Newbottle* at the City of *Edinburgh*, the Priorefs of *Haddingtoun* at the Burgh of *Haddingtoun*, the Lord of the Temporal Lands of the Priory of *North-berwick* at the Burgh of *North-berwick*, the Patron and Parson of the Kirk of *Kilconchar*, dissolved from the Priory of *North-berwick*, at the Town of *Ely*; the Patron and Parson of the Kirk of *Largo*, dissolved from *North-berwick*, at the Town of *Largo*; the Patron and Parson of the Kirk of *Mayboll*, dissolved from *North-berwick*, at the Town of *Mayboll*; the Patron and Parson of the Kirk of *Logie*, dissolved from *North-berwick*, at the Burgh of *Stirling*; the Lord of *Kelfo* at the Town of *Kelfo*, the Lord of *Coldingham* at the Town of *Eymouth*, the Lord of *Dryburgh* at the Town of *Dryburgh*, the Prior of *Eccles* at the Town of *Dunee*, the Prior of *Coldstream* at the Town of *Dunee*, the Lord of *Fedburgh* at the Burgh of *Fedburgh*, the Lords *Melrose* at the Town of *Melrose*, the Lord of *Paislay* at the Town of *Paislay*, the Lord *Blantyre* at the City of *Glasgow*, the Lord and Bailly of the Temporal Land of *Kilwinning*, dissolved from the Abbacy of *Kilwinning*, at the Burgh of *Irwing*; the Abbot of *Corfs-Ragwel* at the Town of *Mayboll*, the Prior of *Whithorn* at the Burgh of *Whithorn*, the Abbot of *Saulset* at the Burgh of *Whithorn*, the Prior of *St. Mary-Ise* at the Burgh of *Kirkcudburgh*, the Lord of *Dundrennand* at the Burgh of *Kirkcudburgh*, the Lord of *Glenlufs* at the Burgh of *Wigtoun*, the Abbot of *Tungland* at the Burgh of *Wigtoun*, the Abbot of *New-abbay* at the City of *Edinburgh*, the Abbot of *Holywood* at the Burgh of *Dumfries*, the Prior of *Canaby* at the Burgh of *Annan*, the Barron and Bailly of the Barrony of *Broughtoun*, dissolved from the Lordship of *Holy-rude-house*, at the City of *Edinburgh*: the

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Heretors of the hundred Pound-land of the Barrony of *Munkland*, dissolved from the Lordship of *Newbotle*, at the City of *Glasgow*; the Minister of *Felfoord* at the Burgh of *Air*, the Minister of *Scotlandwell* at the City of *St. Andrews*, the Minister of the Cross-kirk of *Peebles* at the Burgh of *Peebles*, the Patron and Parson of the Kirk of *Dundee*, dissolved from the Abbacy of *Lindores*, at the Burgh of *Dundee*; And all other beneficed Persons at the Paroch Kirks of their particular Benefices: and that they convene to the effect above-written, upon the twenty fifth day of *October*, in this present year of *GOD*, one thousand six hundred sixty five years, which is declared to be the precise day appointed for all their Vassals, Fewers, Tacksmen and Pensioners to keep the said Meeting; and that no further citation of summoning shall be requisite, then this Proclamation, and publication of this present Act at the Mercat-crosses of the head Burghs of this Kingdom.

As also it is Declared by His Majesty and His said Estates, That if any Vassals, Sub-vassals, Fewers, Tacksmen of Teinds, Pensioners, or any other justly bound to make relief to Prelat, Lord of Erection, Patron or other beneficed Person, of any part of the said Taxation, shall send any Procurator in his name sufficiently authorized to the said Meeting; the same shall not only excuse the principal Parties absence, but the Procurators shall be admitted in all things, and received to do and perform in the distribution of the said Taxation, what could, or lawfully might, have been done by him who sent him. It is likewise Declared, that the Prelat, Lord of Erection, Patron or other beneficed Person, impeded by disease, or diverted upon some other necessary occasions from attending that Meeting, having his absence supplied that day by a sufficient worthy person, whom he shall authorize and appoint to that effect, shall be as lawfull as if he were personally present himself; and the party so authorized shall be admitted and received in all things, to do and perform in the distribution of the same Taxation, what could, or lawfully might, have been done by him who sent him.

It is further Statute and Ordained, That at the said day of Meeting, the saids Prelats, Lords of Erection, Patrons and other beneficed Persons, shall by themselves, or by their Procurators, lawfully authorized as said is, fence and hold Court, call by name and surname upon every one of their Vassals, Sub-vassals, Proper-wodsetters, Fewers, Tacksmen of Teinds, Pensioners and others obliged to relieve them of any part of the same Taxation, and lawfull time of day being bidden, to shew to their said Vassals, Fewers, Tacksmen and Pensioners, or their Procurators compearing for them, the quantity of the Taxation imposed upon their Prelacy, erected Lordship or other Benefice, authentickly subscribed by the Clerk of the same Taxation; and they all (at the least so many of them as shall convene for that effect, with consent of the most part) shall distribute the same, to be paid by every man, as well as by the Prelat, Lord of Erection and present Possessors of small Benefice, for the free Rent that every one of them hath of their Prelacies, erected

Lordships and small Benefices, as by the Vassal, Fewer, Tackf-man and Pensioner, according to the great and small quantity of the free Rent which every one of them hath either of their Lands, Teinds or Pensions: With certification to any of the saids Persons, Fewers, Vassals, Tackf-men and Pensioners, that compear not by themselves or their Procurators, at the day and place above-specified, to the effect foresaid; that such as shall convene with the saids Prelats, Lords of Erection, Patrons or other beneficed Persons, or their Procurators, shall proceed in the equal distribution of the same Taxation, as well amongst them that are absent, as present; and shall make and subscribe an authentick Tax-roll thereupon; The Teinds valued since the year, one thousand six hundred twenty seven years, being stinted and estimat without respect to the said Valuations, sicklike, and in the same manner, with the addition of a fourth part, as they were for the Taxation granted in the year, one thousand six hundred thirty three years, and to be taxed accordingly. And, in case that none of the saids Vassals, Fewers, Tackf-men and Pensioners, shall convene at the day and place above-specified, to this effect, by themselves or their Procurators, but shall willfully absent themselves from the said meeting; it shall be lawfull for the saids Prelats, Lords of Erection, Patrons and other beneficed Persons, being present by themselves or their Procurators, at the day and place above-specified, to make, set down and subscribe the same Taxt-roll; And in case any of the saids Prelats, Lords of Erection, Patrons or other beneficed Persons, shall not convene by themselves or their Procurators at the day and place above-specified, particularly designed to every one of them; it shall be lawfull for the saids Vassals, Fewers, Tackf-men and Pensioners, at the least so many of them as shall convene by themselves or their Procurators, to make, set down and subscribe the said Tax-roll; which Tax-roll shall contain the particular sum that every one shall be found justly to be addebted to pay, the parties name addebted to pay the same, and the cause wherefore the same ought to be paid. And being so set down, either by the Prelat, Lord of Erection, Patron and other beneficed Person, or their lawfull Procurators, with so many of their Vassals, Sub-vassals, Fewers, Tackf-men of Teinds, Pensioners and others obliged to relieve them of any part of the same Taxation, as shall convene with them to this effect; and in case that none shall convene with them, the said Roll being then set down by the Prelat, Lord of Erection, Patron or other beneficed Person, or their lawfull Procurators, or in case of their absence, being set down, made and subscribed by the most part of the said Vassals, Fewers, Tackf-men and Pensioners, by themselves or their Procurators, as shall convene themselves for this effect; His Majesty and the saids Estates Declares to be as lawfull in all respects, as if the whole number of persons having interest therein had convened, made, set down and subscribed the same; which Tax-roll being so set down, made and subscribed in manner above-written

written (and no otherwayes) and delivered to the Clerk of the Taxation; His *Majesty* and the said Estates, Ordains him to give warrant for giving of Letters of relief thereupon; discharging him, in any case, to give warrant for giving of Letters of relief upon any Roll presented to him, not made and authentickly subscribed in form above-written, as he will answer to the contrary upon his perill.

It is likewise Statute and Ordained, That Tackf-men of Teinds shall have their relief of their Sub-tackf-men, *protanto*; respect being had to the gressum paid by the said Sub-tackf-men. And in regard that divers Kirks have been of new erected, and several augmentations of Ministers Stipends granted since the year, one thousand six hundred twenty seven years, to the diminution of the Spirituality: It is therefore Statute and Ordained, That where Kirks have been of new erected, or any augmentations of Ministers Stipends granted since the time foresaid, out of the Teinds belonging to Archbishops, Bishops, or other beneficed Persons, or to any Nobleman or other, in whose favours the Erection of any Prelacy, or other inferiour Benefice, in whole or in part, has been made and past, the Collector of the Taxation shall allow and deduce to the saids Archbishops, Bishops, or any other beneficed Persons, or Nobleman and other Persons, out of whose Teinds the Stipends of the new erected Kirks, and the foresaid augmentations have been granted, and who have gotten no prorogation in recompence thereof, such a proportion of the said Taxation as shall be effeirand to the proportion of the said Stipend or Augmentation granted out of their Teinds: Which Stipend and Augmentation, what the same amounts to, shall be attested by the Bishop of the Diocels; Providing, that the whole Teinds of the saids Benefices be stinted proportionally, as they were for the Taxation granted in the year, one thousand six hundred thirty three years, with a fourth part more.

And for in-bringing of the Barrons and Free-holders part of the same Taxation, and of the Fewers and Rent-tellers of our Sovereign Lords proper Lands, their parts thereof, Ordains Letters to be directed as formerly; charging all and sundry Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailies, their Deputies, Clerks, Fewers, Chamberlains, and Receivers of our Sovereign Lords proper Lands; That they, and every one of them, within the Bounds of their proper Offices, raise and uplift the sum of fourty shillings money of this Realm, of every Pound-land of old extent, lying within the bounds of their Jurisdictions, for every one of the saids five terms above-specified, and in-bring and deliver the same to the Collector foresaid, or to his Deputies and Officers in his name, having his power to receive the same, at the particular terms above-specified, under the pain of Rebellion, &c. And if they failzie, at the by-passing of every one of the said terms, to denounce and escheat, &c. And Declares, That no Priviledge or Immunity shall be of any force to stop the execution of the Law against them upon the premisses; And for their relief, that Letters be directed as said is, charging all and sundry Dukes, Marquesses, Earls, Vis-

counts, Lords, Barrons, Free-holders, Fewers, and Rent-tellers of our Sovereign Lords proper Lands, personally, or at their dwelling places, and by open Proclamation at the Mercat-crofs of the head Burgh of the Sherifffdom, Stewartrie or Bailery where their Lands lye, if they be within the Kingdom: And if they be without the Kingdom, by open Proclamation at the Mercat-crofs of *Edinburgh*, Peir and Shore of *Leith*, upon threescore dayes warning, to make payment to the said Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailies, their Deputies and Clerks, Chamberlains and Receivers of our Sovereign Lords proper Lands, every one of them for their own parts *respective*, of the said sum of fourty shillings money foresaid, for every Pound-land of old extent pertaining to them, for every one of the said five terms payment, within twenty dayes next after they be charged thereto, under the pain of Rebellion, &c. And if they failzie, &c. to denounce and escheat, &c. And if need be, That the saids Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailies, their Deputies and Clerks, Chamberlains and Receivers of our Sovereign Lords proper Lands, poynd and distrenzie the readiest Goods and Gear, being upon the saids Lands, therefore, as they shall think most expedient. And that the saids Noblemen, Barrons and Free-holders, Fewers and Rent-tellers of our Sovereign Lords proper Lands, have Letters for their relief, as said is, to charge their Vassals, Sub-vassals, Ladies of Terce, Conjunct-fiars, Proper-wodsetters and Life-renters, to make payment of their parts of the said Taxation, within twenty dayes next after the charge, under the pain of Rebellion, &c. and if they failzie, &c. to denounce, &c. and escheat, &c. And if need be, that they poynd and distrenzie therefore: Providing alwayes, that the first terms payment of the said Taxation be ever past before the next term be charged for.

And also Declares, That where any Goods are poynded within any of the Isles of this Kingdom, for payment of any part of this Taxation, the apprising of the saids Goods, at the Paroch Kirk of the Lands where they were poynded, shall be as valid and sufficient, as if they were apprised at the head Burgh of the Shire. And in case any person, lyable in payment of the Taxation, within the Shires of *Inverness*, *Ross*, *Argyl*, *Caithness*, *Sutherland*, *Orkney* and *Zetland*, shall not make payment of the respective sums due by them, within twenty dayes after they are denounced, then to be further lyable in payment of the double of the sums due, and all execution to pass against them therefore: And recommends to the Lords of His *Majesties* Privy Council, to take such further course for in-bringing of the Taxation, payable out of the fore-named Shires, as they shall think fit.

Likeas, His *Majesty*, taking to His gracious consideration the grievance represented to His Highness, by divers of His Subjects, within the Shires of *Lanerick*, *Air*, *Ranfrew*, *Dumbartoun*, *Bute*, *Argyl*, *Wigtoun*, *Dumfries* and *Peebles*, anent the high extent of their Retours, Doth, with consent of His said Estates, Declare, That as to the present Taxation, the Pound-lands of the whole Temporal Lands within the saids Shires of *Lanerick*, *Air*, *Ranfrew*, *Dumbartoun*,

toun, Bute, Argyl, Wigtoun, Dumfries and Peebles, with the *Stewartries* and *Baileries* lying within the same, shall only be taxed and pay as if they were *Merk-lands*: But that the said *Retours* shall stand and pay as formerly, to all other intents and purposes.

And for in-bringing of the *Burroghs* part of the same *Taxation*, Ordains Letters to be directed, charging the *Provost* and *Bailies* of ilk *Burgh* to make payment of the *Tax* and *Stent* thereof to the *Collector-general* aforesaid, his *Deputies* and *Officers* in his name, having his power to receive the same, at the particular terms above specified, under the pain of *Rebellion*, &c. And if they failzie, &c. to denounce and escheat, &c. And for their relief, that Letters be directed, charging the *Provost*, *Bailies* and *Council* within each *Burgh* to convene, and elect certain persons to stint their neighbours: And the said election being made, to charge the persons elected, to accept the charge upon them in setting of the said stint upon the *Burgesses* and *Inhabitants* of every *Burgh*, and to convene and set the same, and make a *Stint-roll* thereupon as effects, within twenty four hours next after their charge, under the pain of *Rebellion*, &c. And if they failzie, &c. to denounce and escheat, &c. And likewise, the said *Stint-roll* being made and set down as said is, to charge the *Burgesses*, *In-dwellers* and *Inhabitants* within ilk *Burgh*, to make payment of their part of the said *Stint* to the said *Provost* and *Bailies*, conform to the *Taxt-roll* to be given out thereupon, within three dayes next after the charge, under the pain of *Rebellion*, &c. And if they failzie, &c. to denounce and escheat, &c. And if need be, that the said *Provost* and *Bailies*, poynd and distrenzie therefore, as they shall think most expedient. It is alwayes provided, that no person whatsoever be stinted or taxed within *Burgh*, except according to the avail and quantity of his *Rent*, *Living*, *Goods* and *Gear* which he hath within *Burgh*; no wayes respecting his *Lands* nor *Possessions* which he hath to *Land-ward*, for the which he will be obliged to pay *Taxation* to other *Officers*: Providing alwayes, that the first terms payment of the said *Taxation* be ever past before the next term be charged for.

Attour, His *Majesty* and the saids *Estates*, Decerns and Declares, That the charges to be given for payment of the said *Taxation*, shall be executed before the terms of payment above-specified, for every terms payment particularly by it self; and that the denunciation of the *Horning*, following thereupon, shall not be executed untill the term of payment be by-past, and twenty dayes thereafter; Which denunciation so following, upon the charges given before the saids terms of payment, His *Majesty*, with consent foresaid, Decerns and Declares to be valid and sufficient.

And His *Majesty*, with consent of the said *Estates*, Ordains the *Lords of Session* to be only *Judges* to all *Suspensions* to be craved and suited by any of our *Sovereign Lords Lieges* touching the said *Taxations*: Which *Suspensions*, the saids *Estates* find may be granted, upon lawfull and equitable reasons to be considered by them; and discharges all other *Judges* within this *Kingdom* of granting of

any Suspensions thereanent. With power to the saids Lords to delegat five at the least of their ordinary number, as they shall think expedient, to sit, cognosce and decide the said Suspensions in time of vacancy, if need be.

And lastly, The Kings Majesty, Declares, in favours of all His Subjects, lyable in payment of this Taxation, that they shall not be holden to produce their discharges or Receipts of the said Taxation, from, and after, the term of *Whitsunday*, one thousand six hundred seventy three years; unless where diligence hath been used by denunciations against them, before the elapsing of the said term of *Whitsunday*, one thousand six hundred seventy three years: And Ordains all Commissions granted to Sub-collectors, for up-lifting and in-bringing of the said Taxation, to be insert and registrat in the Books of Council and Session; And these presents to be printed and published at the Mercat-cross of *Edinburgh* and other places needfull, where-through none pretend ignorance of the same.

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